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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Government to Government Meeting

RE: Government to Government Meeting with Yakama Tribal Council

We would like to thank Yakama Nation for requesting a Government to Government consultation meeting with USACE and USEPA. We would like to have our entire team present to meet with you in person for this meeting. Due to inclement weather and road closures, it is not safe for our team to travel at this time for our meeting. Likewise, flying is risky due not only to the unsafe weather conditions, but also to the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Our leadership and management team met today to discuss these safety concerns and determined that it was not safe to meet with the Yakama Tribal Council on 5 January 2022. We respectfully request that our meeting be rescheduled. Your suggestion to reschedule for the March timeframe sounds appropriate to avoid bad winter weather. USACE will coordinate with both USEPA and Yakama Nation to secure a date in March to meet. We look forward to meeting with you sometime in March. Stay safe.

Chris

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From: Julie Atwood <atwj@yakamafish-nsn.gov>
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We have checked with management and leadership and the current plan is to move forward with the Tribal Council meeting as scheduled at this point in time. There are multiple items on on their agenda. I just spoke with Chris and shared this information with her. Chris is meeting with her team at 1pm and they will discuss the winter weather conditions and the forecast to determine if travel is advised for the USACOE team. If both parties are not able to be in-person for the meeting it would be rescheduled when weather is less likely to interfere. Chris and I both understand that EPA needs to know this afternoon if the meeting is postponed to avoid cancellation fees for their reservations. Yakama Nation respects your

attention to safety and safe travel and honors your decision. We will wait to hear from Chris on the USACOE's travel evaluation. A postponement of this meeting would likely be in March when winter weather is generally behind us.

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